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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th/August, through Sunday, 11th/August there were 201 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY9, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JT, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3W, VIETNAM. Yosuke, JJ1DQR, will be active as 3W9QR from Da Nang between October 23rd and November 1st. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using mainly SSB. He will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). QSL via JJ1DQR, by the Bureau or direct.

5E, MOROCCO. Royal Amateur Radio Association of Morocco (ARRAM) is now active using the special event callsign 5E6A for their National Celebration until September 29th. QSL via EA7FTR direct.

5H, TANZANIA. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between September 25th and October 28th. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on various HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at: http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm
http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsl%20request.htm

CR2/CT8, AZORES. Wolf, OE2VEL, will be active as CR2L from the CU4DX DX station on Graciosa Island (EU-175) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OE2GEN or LoTW. Before the contest Wolf will be active as CT8/OE2VEL.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. The CY9C team is now QRT and the OQRS is activated (link is on their Web page). The CY9C team made 25k QSOs. Just a reminder, QSLs are available: ClubLog, LoTW, direct via WA4DAN. PLEASE NOTE: No Bureau or No IRCs. For more details and updates, watch: http://cy9c.com

GB60, VARIOUS LOCATIONS (DXCC Entites)[Special Event]. Members of the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group (BARTG) will be active as GB60ATG until June 2020. The BARTG is celebrating their 60th Year Diamond Jubilee anniversary with this callsign. Special Awards are available for contacts with GB60ATG using any Data Mode. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (Bureau cards ONLY via OQRS). More information can be found on the BARTG Web site at:
http://bartg.org.uk/wp/bartg-diamond-jubilee-award
PLEASE NOTE: The GB60ATG callsign will be active from several parts of the UK during the year of operation. The country of operation at any time will be shown on the schedule page of the BARTG Web site at:
http://bartg.org.uk/wp/gb60atg-schedule

H9, PANAMA. Members of the Panama Digital Group and the Radio Association of the Panama Canal will be active as H92L during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) between 000z, August 17th, and 2400z, August 18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including 60m, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via HP1AVS.

INDEXA NEWS (Summer Newsletter). The Summer 2019 Issue of the INDEXA Newsletter is now available. This issue features the reports on"

* The Kanton Island, Central Kiribati T31EU-- “QRV from a scrap heap”
* CE0Y/NP4G--A Father and Son DXpedition
* Zorro Miyazawa, JH1AJT, chosen Honorary Advisor to Bhutan Olympic Committee
* Introducing a new video presentation about INDEXA
* A message from INDEXA President Bob Schenck, N2OO

The newsletter can be downloaded at:
ENG - http://www.indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-126-Summer%202019.pdf
SPAN - http://www.indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-126-Summer%202019(ES).pdf

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-025. (Update) Operators Valdimir/RV1CC and Yuri/RM0F will be active as RV1CC/0 and RM0F/P, respectively, from Iturup Island between August 15-22nd. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via details on QRZ.com.

AS-200. Operators Take/JI3DST and Masa/JR8YLY will be active as JI3DST/5 and JR8YLY/5 from Shodo Island between September 20-25th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns.

AS-206. Operators Take/JI3DST and Masa/JR8YLY will be active as JI3DST/0 and JR8YLY/0 from Sado Island between September 6-11th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns.

AS-083. Mike, RA1ALA, is hoping to activate Shokalskogo Island (RR-06-05) as RA1ALA/8 sometime around August 20th. Plans are to be on the Arctic research vessel "Kartesh" come August 9th for several days and then take a MI-8 helicopter to the island. It takes special permission to visit this island as it is part of the Gdansk Nature Reserve - the state nature reserve in the Tazovsky District of the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District. No other details were provided.

EU-052. Michele, IW7EGQ, will be active as SV8/IW7EGQ from Zakinthos (Zante), Greece, between August 20-28th. Also valid for Lighthouse LOTA GRE017. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

NA-082/ NA-089. DX-World.net reports [edited], "A group of operators plan on activating Cat Island (NA-082) as N5C, and Isle Au Pitre (NA-089) as K5P between October 4-6th. The plan is activate both islands simultaneously. The operators include Louis/W5GAI, Mike/AD5A, Dragan/K0AP, Oscar/N5LN, Jose/AD6D, Mike/AB5EB and possibly others. QSL will be via K0AP for both operations.

NA-176. (Update) Pierre, VE2GT, is planning a one day operation from Île du Havre, and will be active as VE2GT/150 between 1330-1530z (+/- delay of boat) on September 1st. Activity will be on various HF bands; probably on IOTA frequencies. QSL via EA5GL. Track Pierre's progress on APRS at: https://aprs.fi/#!call=a%2FVE2GT-5&timerange=3600&tail=3600

NA-187. Rick, K6VVA, is planning to activate White Rock sometime between September 15th and October 15th, but this depends on the weather. There are restrictions involved with this activation — no generators and no gasoline is allowed on White Rock. This means low power battery operation and local daytime only activity for safety reasons. There is no recent history of sea lions on White Rock, but if one is encountered — even if sighted on White Rock before landing, everything will be QRT. Look for more details and a Web page to be forthcoming.

OC-171. Steve, VK3TTT, is active as VK3TTT/4 from Magnetic Island during some evenings. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity is on 40-20 meters using FT8 with some SSB and slow CW with 100 watts.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new (www.iota-world.org) have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

JD1/M, MINAMI TORI SHIMA. Kazu, JD1BNA (ex-JK1FXI), will be active from Marcus Island (OC-073), Minami Tori Shima, between September 25-30th. Activity will be on 160-17 meters using mainly CW, with some SSB and FT8. QSL via JL1UTS, direct only.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

OA, PERU. Daniel "JD", IK2SGL, and his XYL have moved to a location in the Amazon Forest, Peru. They are international volunteers in a world-wide education program which contacst and helps the indigenous people of the region: the Awajun people. JD is active as OA9DVK mostly on Mondays on 160-6 meters using a Kenwood 480SAT and a Yaesu FT891 into an Inverted L antenna for 160/80/40 meters and a 40/20 meters dipole. He has very little time for radio, but he enjoys contacting people all over the world and practicing his Italian, English, Spanish, Tagalog, Shipibo and now Awajun. He adds, "The area 9 of Peru is pretty rare. At the moment I have no news of other hams active in the area. So if you need this prefix, just look for me aroung 2200 UTC on 20 meters. I also have a twitter channel where I usually tweet when I am on air if internet is available." He currently does not have paper QSL cards, and can only QSL via QRZ, LoTW or eQSL. For more details, see his QRZ.com page.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Alessandro, IZ1AZA, will be active as OY/IZ1AZA from the Faroe Islands between August 21-26th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

PA75, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event). Look for special event station PA75LIMBURG to be on the air between September 12th, through March 3rd, 2020. Activity is to commemorate the liberation of the most southern area in the Netherlands, the Province of Limburg 75 years ago. The station will be on air on various bands and modes, but mainly HF and SSB. For more information, see: https://www.qrz.com/lookup/pa75limburg

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 12-18th).....

Aug/12th AN	Aug/15th AN	Aug/17th AN
Aug/13th AN	Aug/16th AN	Aug/18th AN
Aug/14th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha

AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:
* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
http://sunspotwatch.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu)

** Next QSL Infos on Sunday, August 18, 2019

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/C21W
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/T30L
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/TO9W

5C20FT via RW6HS. Special event station to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the succession of King Mohammed VI Ben Al-Hassan.

LoTW UPDATE (Satellites Added). The ARRL updated LoTW to include BO-102, NO-103, and NO-104 the morning of August 5th.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 1A0C, 5T5PA, 8Q7SU, HC7AE and MJ/OK1NP

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: GU8FBO, K7Y (NA-250), LX1JX, R3RRC/6 (EU-180), T2AR and VK5MAV/6 (OC-211)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B8XF, 3D2PM, 4W6VA, 5Z4/DJ6TF, 7P8VA, 9H3YY, AG2J (NA-111), C5DL, E51HMK, EP4MMM, FS/W9ILY, HP1AC, HP1DCP, HP1RIS, HP500OP, J68GD, J68GU, NH6JC, OH0Z, PJ2/W9VA, PJ4/NT5V, PJ4R, PJ5/N6YEU, T32AZ, TO2BC, V31CQ, V31DJ, V31VP, V47KA, VP2MEW, VP5/K0PC, W1UE/HR9, W3FOX/M (NA-139), Z25DX, Z68RBJ, Z81Z and ZF2BJ
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

TO5, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (Reminder). Operators Alex/DD5ZZ, Georg/DJ6GI, Martin/DM4IM and Chris/VO1IDX will be active as TO5M from Ile aux Marins (NA-032) between August 10-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and possibly RTTY and Satellites. The team will use mostly vertical antennas, a Hexbeam for the highbands and beverage receiving antennas for the lowbands. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog. Their Web site is at: http://FP2019.net
PLEASE NOTE: The callsign TO5M has been used once before for a Reunion Island operation (QSL via F6CXJ).

V3, BELIZE. James, NT5V, will be active as V31JW from Belize between October 5-12th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Do NOT send cards to the V31 Bureau.

VK, AUSTRALIA. Members of the Warrnambool Radio Amateurs Group will be active as VK3DX from Portland's Whalers Bluff Lighthouse during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend between August 17-18th.

VP9, BERMUDA (Operators needed!). Operators Duane/WV2B and Rob/AE4X are planning a vacation style DXpedition to VP9-land in January 2020 and are looking for another operator to come along. Licensing is very easy for U.S. operators of at least General Class, although they would welcome an op from Canada or other countries as well. Anyone interested may contact Rob or Duane via E-mail. Duane's E-mail is: wv2bduane@gmail.com

W2, UNITED STATES (LH Op). Members of the Garden State Amateur Radio Association (GSARA) will activate W2GSA on Saturday, August 17th, from approximately 1300-1700 UTC at the Sea Girt Lighthouse (US0036) in Sea Girt, NJ, during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW). Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 meters SSB with possible CW. QSL info will be provided on the W2GSA QRZ.com page. They will only activate the lighthouse for a few hours so they'll do their best to extend the operation a bit, but no guarantees! For more information on the ILLW, visit: https://illw.net

W3, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Look for special event station W3HPM to celebrate the 150th Birthday of ARRL founder, Hiram Percy Maxim, between August 31st and September 2nd, 1600-2200 UTC. Activity will be on CW and SSB. Suggested SSB frequencies are: 14245, 7245 and 3850 kHz. For a special event HPM QSL card, send (w/SASE) to: Antietam Radio Association, PO BOX 52, Hagerstown, MD 21741-0052. For more details, see:
https://w3cwc.org/HPM_Event

ZY40/ZZ40, BRAZIL. Mor, PT7ZT, will be celebrating 40 years of being an amateur radio operator by using the callsigns ZY40ZT in August and ZZ40ZT in September. QSL via PT7ZT direct only or LoTW.

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